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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_

### DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring Chief Justice Randall T. Shepard on the occasion of his retirement from the Supreme Court.

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring Chief Justice Randall T. Shepard on the occasion of his retirement from the Indiana Supreme Court.

*Whereas, Chief Justice Randall T. Shepard will retire from the Indiana Supreme Court in March, 2012;*

*Whereas, Appointed to the Supreme Court in 1985 by Governor Robert Orr, Chief Justice Shepard was selected as chief justice in 1987;*

*Whereas, Popular with Hoosiers who voted to retain him three times in statewide elections, Chief Justice Shepard received the highest number of votes ever cast for a state supreme court justice in Indiana in 2008;*

*Whereas, As the longest-serving state court chief justice in the United States, Chief Justice Shepard has been a dominant figure in our state during his tenure and has received national recognition, as exemplified by his appointment by U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts, Jr. to the United States Judicial Conference Advisory Committee on Civil Rules, making him the only state court justice among the membership of the committee;*

*Whereas, Chief Justice Shepard garnered statewide attention when Governor Mitch Daniels appointed him and former Governor Joseph Kernan to head a commission studying local government reforms;*



*Whereas, The highlights of Chief Justice Shepard's tenure in the Supreme Court include reforms to give the Supreme Court discretion over which cases it hears, the webcasting of all of its oral arguments, the development of jury instructions in everyday English, and the development of an online self-service legal center that includes a video on representing yourself in court;*

*Whereas, In addition to his work with the court, Chief Justice Shepard created the "Courts in the Classroom" program to allow school children an opportunity to learn about the work of the judicial branch;*

*Whereas, Chief Justice Shepard has also been active in numerous state and national commissions, and has taught as an adjunct professor at numerous schools, including Indiana University School of Law in Bloomington and Yale University;*

*Whereas, Before his service on the Supreme Court, Chief Justice Shepard was a Vanderburgh County Superior Court judge and was a candidate for mayor of Evansville in 1979 and for the Indiana General Assembly in 1974 and 1976;*

*Whereas, Chief Justice Shepard is a graduate of Princeton University, Yale Law School, and the University of Virginia Law School; and*

*Whereas, Chief Justice Randall T. Shepard has served the court and his state admirably for many years: Therefore,*

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives  
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,  
the Senate concurring:*

1       SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly thanks Chief  
2 Justice Randall Shepard for his years of dedicated service to the courts  
3 and the citizens of Indiana and wishes him well in retirement.

4       SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of  
5 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Chief Justice  
6 Shepard and his family.

